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United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 39/63 J of 12 December 1984, in which it requested the Secretary-General to provide assistance to such Member States in the regions concerned as might request it with a view to establishing regional and institutional arrangements for the implementation of the World Disarmament Campaign, on the basis of existing resources and of voluntary contributions that Member States might make to that end,

Recalling also its resolution 42/39 D of 30 November 1987, by which it established the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia with headquarters at Kathmandu and with the mandate of providing, on request, substantive support for the initiatives and other activities mutually agreed upon by the Member States of the Asia region for the implementation of measures for peace and disarmament, through appropriate utilization of available resources,

Mindful of its resolution 44/117 F of 15 December 1989, in which it decided to rename the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia as the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific,

Commending the useful activities carried out by the Regional Centre in encouraging regional and subregional dialogue for the enhancement of openness, transparency and confidence-building, as well as the promotion of disarmament and security through the organization of regional meetings, which came to be widely known as the "Kathmandu process" within the Asia-Pacific region,

Noting that trends in the post-cold-war era have emphasized the Regional Centre's function in assisting Member States as they deal with new security concerns and disarmament issues emerging in the region,

Noting also the efforts of the Member States to respond to these concerns and issues through the formulation of common approach,

Highly appreciating the important role Nepal played as the host nation of the headquarters of the Regional Centre,

Recognizing the need for the Regional Centre to pursue effectively its above-mentioned expanded function,

Appreciating the Regional Centre for its organization of substantive regional meetings in Kathmandu, Nagasaki and Kanazawa in 1995,

1. Commends the important work carried out by the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific, with its headquarters at Kathmandu;

2. Reaffirms its strong support for the continued operation and further strengthening of the Regional Centre as an essential promoter of the "Kathmandu process" - regional peace and disarmament dialogue in the Asia-Pacific region;

3. Decides that the Director of the Regional Centre at Kathmandu should operate as before until a reliable means can be found to finance the Regional Centre's operational needs;

4. Recommends that the Regional Centre organize the scheduled regional meetings in Kathmandu, Hiroshima and other cities in 1996, within the available resources voluntarily contributed by the Member States and other organizations for that purpose;

5. Expresses its appreciation for the contributions received by the Regional Centre;

6. Appeals to Member States, particularly those within the Asia-Pacific region, as well as to international governmental and non-governmental organizations and foundations, to make voluntary contributions in order to strengthen the programme of activities of the Regional Centre and its implementation;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to provide all necessary support to the Regional Centre in carrying out its programme of activities;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session on the implementation of the present resolution;

9. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-first session the item entitled "United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa, United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific and United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean".